



The Village of Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan

**A Summary For The
Commission for Economic Development
and Neighborhood Renewal**

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The Purpose of the Comprehensive Plan

- All organizations, private and public, need a **Vision** of ‘where they are going’ and how they will **compete** in a rapidly changing world.
- As successful as Niles has been, it also needs to be very sure of its Vision going forward to **stay economically healthy and viable**.
- The 2030 **Comprehensive Plan is our future Vision (...and Guide)**.



A Brief History of the 2030 Plan

- **First meeting of Plan (Development) Committee - October 2010**
- **‘Outreach/Input Meetings’ with residents and business owners on the future Vision of Niles - October-November 2010**
- **Committee developed the 2030 Plan - October 2010-September 2011**
- **2030 Plan unanimously approved by the Trustees and accepted as the Village’s ‘policy framework for guiding growth and change in Niles over the next 10 to 15 years’ - October 2011**
- **Mayor Callero announced a 2030 Plan Implementation Committee to report on ‘2030 Progress’ - February 2012**
- **Significant implementation of the 2030 Plan...with much still to do - 2012-Current**



The Basic Outline of the 2030 Plan

- **Community Profile (Current State)**
- **Community Outreach & Input**
- **Guiding Principles**
- **11 Major Vision Elements (183 Objectives):**
 - **Quality Residential Neighborhoods (14)**
 - **Strong and Attractive Commercial Areas (22)**
 - **Thriving Industrial Sector (11)**
 - **Well-Maintained Infrastructure (14)**
 - **Effective Transportation and Circulation (22)**
 - **Responsive Community Services and Facilities (28)**
 - **Quality Parks and Recreational Amenities (16)**
 - **Enhanced Village Image and Identity (22)**
 - **Continuous Economic Development (19)**
 - **Healthy Environment and Sustainability (6)**
 - **Active Arts and Culture (9)**
- **Land Use Plan**
- **Transportation Plan (incl. Bike/Pedestrian Mobility)**
- **Urban Design and Community Character Plan**
- **Key Focus (Economic) Development Plans (Ideas)**
- **Implementation**

Summary of the Implementation Committee's Implementation Recommendations

Vision Element	Total Objectives	2013 ('10')	2014 ('9')	2015 ('8')	2016 ('7')	2017 ('6')	2018+ ('5')	Other
Residential	14	-	2	8	-	2	2	-
Commercial	22	3	8	5	4	1	-	1
Industrial	11	-	3	3	2	2	-	1
Infrastructure	14	2	4	2	2	3	1	-
Transportation	22	-	4	14	1	1	1	1
Facilities/Services	28	6	7	11	3	-	1	-
Parks/Open Spaces	16	1	6	6	1	2	-	-
Image/Identity	22	3	14	3	-	1	-	1
Econ. Development	19	6	7	4	2	-	-	-
Env./Sustainability	6	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
Arts/Culture	9	-	4	4	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	183	22	61	63	16	12	5	4

- **22 Objectives Implemented in Calendar Year 2013 ('10's)**
- **61 Objectives Implemented in Calendar Year 2014 ('9's)**
- **Committee identified focus for 2013/14. Three 'Booster Areas' - Commercial, Image/Identity, and Economic Development - a focus consistent with community desires in outreach meetings**



What Drives ‘The Urgency’?

- **Community Feedback in 2030 Outreach Meetings on Priorities:**
 - More Flood Control
 - Commercial Corridor Improvement and Beautification
 - Improved/Safer Mobility and Transportation
 - Better Image and Identity for the Village

- **A general feeling among the Village Leadership that Niles will need to and can perform at a higher competitive level.**

- **A desire for accelerated Sales Tax Revenue growth given:**
 - Rapid and on-going increases in annual Pension Expenses
 - Continuing increases in Infrastructure Maintenance needs and costs



Key Events and Actions Since July 1st

- Acceleration of **Phase I Stormwater Project** and Significant Expansion of Flood Control **Cost-Sharing with Homeowners**
- Numerous Bids To Purchase **Golf Mill** Received and Being Reviewed by Broker and the Property Owner.
- Village and **Fresh Farms Int'l Market** Agree On a Unique Tax Incentive/Development Agreement at Four Flags Location.
- Camiros Ltd. **Zoning & Ordinance Rewrite Project** Begun.
- First Ever '**Community Bike Event**' Organized and Staged.
- Matrix Consulting Study/Audit of the **Public Services Dept.**
- Village Began Studies of both **Touhy Ave. and Milwaukee Ave.** to Advance Commercial Development.
- The large former Grainger site in Industrial Area Purchased by FedEx.
- New '**Commission for Economic Development and Neighborhood Renewal**' Announced by the Mayor.